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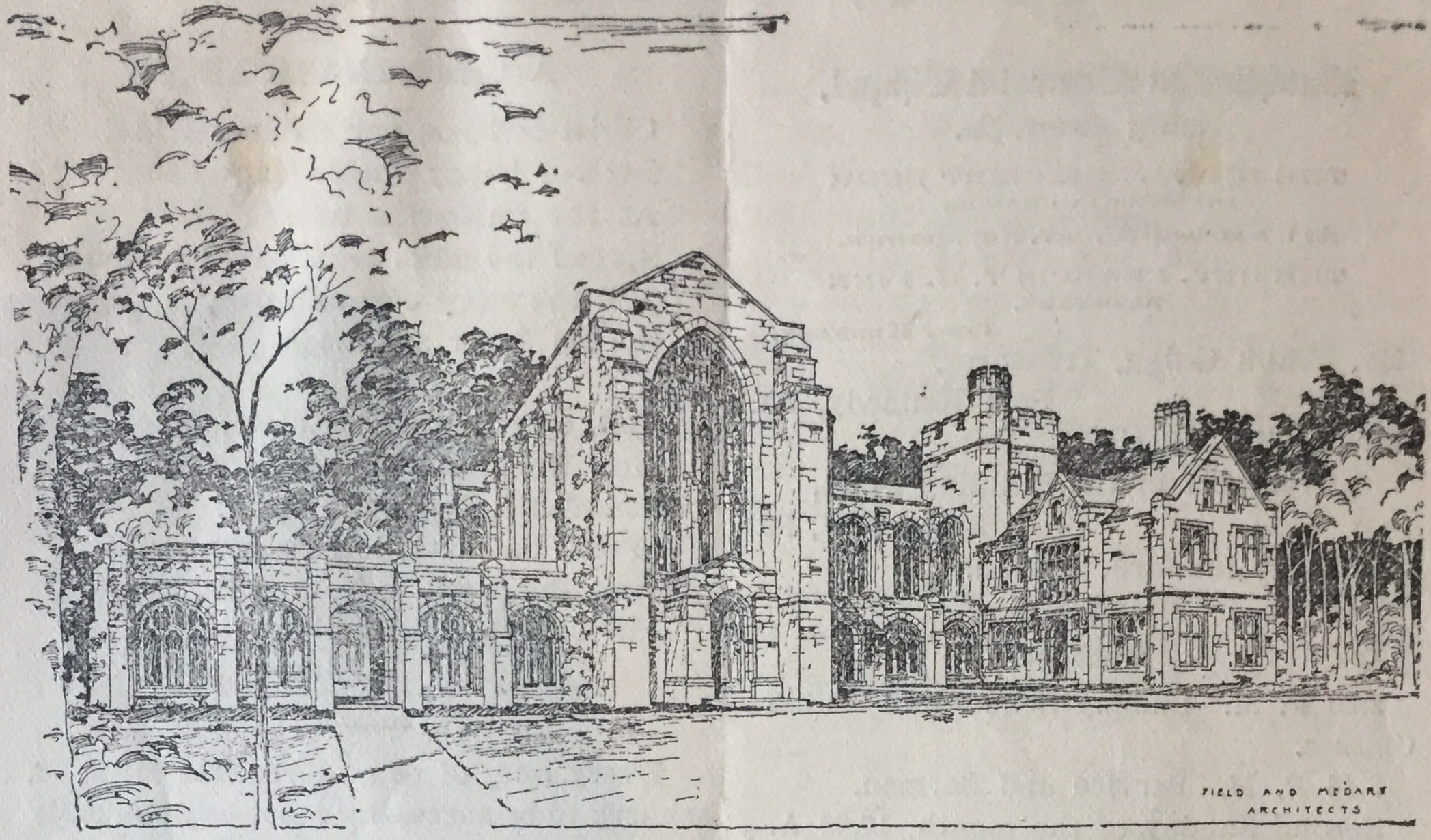

Cloister of the Colonies. Washington Memorial Chapel. Patriots' Hall. Tower and Rectory.

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England—is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Mrs. Charles W. Walker's on Wednesday, December 1st. There were eleven members present. One new member, Miss Mary Andrews, was added. In the absence of the treasurer, Mr. Finn read the reports. The President read a communication from the Historical Society of Montgomery County thanking the Guild for their hospitality at the time of their annual meeting at the Chapel. Mrs. Summerill reported that the Junior Guild realized about ninety ($90) dollars from their supper of November seventh.

Mrs. Charles W. Walker, head of the Missionary Chapter, reported that during Lent a study class would be held for the members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Chapel. The question of the Christmas decorations of the Chapel was fully discussed and it was decided to divide the work of gathering the greens among all willing to help with the work that it might not fall so heavily on the members from Valley Forge.

Mr. Finn then spoke of the "Valley Forge Calendar" contemplated. Tea was served by the hostess and the meeting adjourned to meet Wednesday, January 5th.

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Sundays.

2.30 P. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.

3.45 P. M. Service and Sermon.

Second Sunday of the month, 10.30 A. M. Service, Sermon and Holy Communion.

Stewart Fund Hall

Sundays.

10.00 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.

11.00 A. M. Service and Sermon.

Calendar.

DECEMBER.

19. Fourth Sunday in Advent.
21. St. Thomas' Day.
23. Christmas Festival at Stewart Fund Hall, King-of-Prussia, 7.30 p. m.
24. Christmas Festival at Chapel, 2.30 p. m.
25. Christmas Day, 10 a. m.
26. St. Stephen's Day. First Sunday after Christmas.
27. St. John's Day.
28. Innocents' Day.

JANUARY.

1. Circumcision.
2. Second Sunday after Christmas.
5. Guild meeting.
6. Epiphany.
9. First Sunday after Epiphany.
16. Second Sunday after Epiphany.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Christ is born, our Saviour-King,
Let our happy voices ring
At the Christmas-tide.
Spread the news from shore to shore,
Tell the story o'er and o'er,
Spread it far and wide.

Tell, on wild Judea's plain,
How the angels' sweet refrain
Sounded through the night:
"Peace on earth, to men good will!"
How the joyful echoes still
Fill our souls with light.

Eleanor H. Stroud.

Every one, of course, realizes that a church to be successful must be financially supported. In the rush of the busy Christmas season some members may have neglected filling out pledge cards. Let this be a New Year's resolution of every Chapel member to faithfully attend to his or her pledge card. It is a duty and a privilege due the Chapel and simplifies very much the work of the treasurer, who is often times concerned about the running expenses. It is not just to let others do our work. Fill out the cards and send them to Mr. Frank Quigg, Port Kennedy, Pa.

This year must not pass by without an expression of appreciation of the faithful services of our organist, Miss Mary Stephens. During the entire year she has never missed a service. Her loving and unfailing devotion to the Chapel should be an inspiration to every one.

Every one will be glad to learn that the Rev. W. Herbert Burk, who has been seriously ill, is rapidly recovering and hopes soon to continue with his work. Scarcely any one realizes the enormous toil and responsibility connected with the work of building the Chapel, Museum, etc. If we are not able to give gifts toward its completion, let us at least help and encourage him with prayers, labors and good will.

THE STAR ANGEL.

What though the kings that came
From Orient lands afar:
But counted Thy celestial flame
A new and wondrous star—

And as they onward sped
Aglow with ardent love;
Dreamed not their burning hearts were fed
From thy great soul above?

The barren wastes of sand
They trod; were none the less
Visioned with bloom on every hand
And heavenly palaces.

And, like as doves that fly
Instinctive to their nest;
Or day or night, with eager eye
They kept their Holy quest.

Pursuing unexplained
Thy true unfailing fire;
Until at length they had attained
The dream Thou dids't inspire.

And what—ah what, though we
Who follow on as they:
Are not permitted e'en to see
Thy light above the way?

Still, still Thou hoverest near—
Still, still the breezes stir
With breath of music soft and clear
And frankincense and myrrh.

Till questioning not, in some
Deep hour of joy, beheld
Star-angel, we ourselves have come
To Bethlehem as of old;

And worship with the wise
Who proved Thine ancient tryst;
Finding beneath the riven skies
Their very Lord—The Christ.

By Augustus Wight Bomberger,
Norristown.

Christmas, 1909.

PATRONS AND PATRONESSES.

Mrs. Erastus Gaylord, Putnam, N. J., has the honor of being the first life patroness of the Museum of American History. The payment of fifty dollars entitles the donor to be enrolled as a life patron or patroness. The donor may appoint another person to this title. Every dollar received from life patrons will be added to the endowment fund of Museum.

Miss Marian B. Maurice has the honor of being the first benefactress of the Museum of American History.

Benefactors are those who contribute one dollar or more annually to the Museum Fund. Notice of the expiration of the term of all benefactors will be given, but no benefactor will be under any obligation to be a benefactor for the following year. It is of course hoped that the work will so commend itself that benefactors will renew their subscriptions from year to year.

The working chapter of the Guild has been encouraged by an order for the making of a rag carpet and several orders for aprons. Any other orders may be sent to the head of the chapter, Mrs. Summerill, Port Kennedy, Pa., or to any member of the Guild.

The regular monthly meeting of the Guild was held in the parish house on Tuesday, November 2d. The attendance was very small—seven members and two guests being present. $79.50 were reported from the Rummage Sale. The head of the Junior Chapter reported that they would have a supper Saturday, Nov. 6th, and were planning to hold a market every Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Hughes reported that at the Convocation meeting the Women's Auxiliary made a plea for increased membership in the various parishes and that they had decided to contribute to Mrs. Burk's Memorial Fund.

A VALLEY FORGE ORDERLY BOOK.

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perade Tomorrow morning on the Grand Perade at Gaurd Mounting. A Camp Colerman from each Brigade at the same time & place. Provision to be Issued to the Troops up to next Sunday Inclusively Serjt. Corpl. and 9 private from Genl. McIntoshes Brigde To perade at the Adjutant Genls. office halp past eight Tomorrow Morning furnish'd with 2 days provision Where they will Receive their Orders.—The QMG is Immediately to fix upon a proper place between or near The Lines where Hutts may be ereeted for prisoners under The Provost Gaurd he will Appoint a Sutable Carpenter To assist and direct the men who shall be Employ'd in The work, Two men with their Axes from each Brigade which Furnish Gaurds Tomorrow are to be brought to the Grand Perade Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock & be Thus Imploy'd, and in like manner till said Hutts are Compleated.—

Head Qrs Valley Forge January 16th 1778
Major General.....Tomorrow...De La Fayette
Brigadier. ..... do ...Paterson
Field officers.....Colo Wiglesworth Lt Colo Littlefield
Brigade Major.....Stagg

To be on the Grand perade Tomorrow morning precisely at half past Seven OClock. Colo. Richard Butler, Lt. Colo. Sprout & Major Hull are Appointed to the Command of this party.—

Head Qrs Valley Forge Jany 17th 1778
Major Genl ..... Tomorrow. ...De Kalb
Brigadier.....Mc Intosh
Field Officers....Lt Colo Davis Major Gilman
Brigade Major.....Day....

The Brigadiers & officers Commanding Brigades To meet this evening at Genl. Vernums Quarters to Consult and Agree upon proper and Speedy Measures to Exchange raw Hides for Shoes. They Will as soon as possible criticully View & Examine the State & Condition of the Arms in their Respective Brigades Get those out of Repair put in order as soon as possible and Consult upon the most Speedy Method of prucuring a Sufficient Number of proper Sized Bayonetts, to Supply the Defficiency thereof. . . . . The Genl. desires that They will likewise Agree upon the most proper & Speedy means to have all the officers in their Brigades furnished with half pikes Agreeable to the Genl. orders of the 22 last December.—

Head Quarters Valley Forge Jany 18th 1778
Major Genl.....Tomorrow.....Green
Brigadier.....Maxwell
Field officers.....Lt Colo Carlton Major Harney
Brigade Major.....Calley....

At a Brigade Court Martial held the 12th Inst. whereof Lt. Colo. Hermer was president.—Ensign Foster of the 6th Pensylvenia Regiement, having been found Guilty of Challenging Capt. Cruise & behaving unbecoming the Charecter of an Officer & Gentln was Sentenced To be discharg'd from the Service. the Commander in chief In Conformitty to the Articles of War Approves the sentence But in Consideration of the Circumstances, is pleas'd to Restore Ensign Foster to his former Rank.—At the same Time is sorry to observe, that the dispute between the Parties arose from a cause, and was Conducted in a manner That does neither of them much honor.—As the army is now in all propability station'd for the Remainder of this winter it is necessary that the departments for Supplying it with provisions & Forrage should be Put upon such footing; That as few delays and difficulties as possible may happen; in order to do this more Effectually the most exact arrangement & disposition should be made, of all the Waggons & Horses annexed either to Regiemts. or Employ'd by Brigade Commissaries shall Be delivered up, On Monday & Tuesday next to the QMG at the Field next above the Adjut. Genls. office. Those of The first Line On Monday . . . and those belonging to the second Line and Artilery on Tuesday & Wednesday & Thursday next All the Waggons &

(To be continued.)